

The following message was received from the Governor, and, on motion of Mr. Sinclair, the rules were suspended to allow its consideration :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Austin, August 6, 1870,

Hon. IRA H. EVANS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives :

SIR: I herewith return to your House, where it originated, "An Act to incorporate the Jefferson and Louisiana Slack Water Navigation Company."

My main objection to this act is, that it places a tax upon the trade of the city of Jefferson, which, if this act becomes a law, the people of that city and surrounding country cannot evade; while, if left to their own exertions, they will probably improve the said highway themselves, and make it free to all. I understand that a project of this kind is now on hand, and that the people of New Orleans have provided some aid to the enterprise. Under the act passed by the Legislature during its present session, there is a provision authorizing

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the issue of bonds to the extent of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used, among other purposes, in "aiding the improvement of the navigation between the said city of Jefferson and Shreveport, Louisiana."

This provision does away with the *necessity* of the charter which I return to your House, if indeed any necessity ever existed.

Further, I have to state that I am satisfied, on inquiry, no large number of the business and other people living at Jefferson, or within the district of country tributary (in a business sense,) to Jefferson, desire the proposed charter.

Respectfully,

EDMUND J. DAVIS,

Governor.

Mr. Slaughter moved that the veto message be referred to the Committee on Town and City Corporations.

Lost.

Mr. Grothaus moved that the message be referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Sinclair the message was made the special order for Tuesday next, at twelve o'clock noon.